Dear Richard, 2/16/94

From the date on the check enclosed with the contracts it appears that this private carrier mailing was more than a week getting here and then it was where it is supposed not to be, in the mail box. Even the local civic groups are not permitted to put anything in the rural mailboxes. Some law prohibits it.

No effort was made to deliver it to the door, where such things are sometimes left.

There is only one day we were both gone for part of the time, Thursday the 10th. All the other days Lil was here all day except yesterday, and yesterday I emptied the mail box when we returned. The only other time I was away was for a couple of hours a week ago Monday, the day the check is dated. I have no idea how your envelope was dirtied so, but that is quite abnormal. This is so you'll know what can happen that I think you do not want to happen, if you are using a new service. Lane never closed to a track, only 1 day to a car.

The new publisher's preface was in today's mail. If it makes any difference, I think the earlier one is better for the book. Unless you have a fixed length for it adding what I asked be added presents no real length problem and for the historical record I would like it.

I've written Lelyveld, enclosed, not because I expect any reaction but because it may get a little attention that can be useful in the future.

One of these at the Washington Post to whom I sent copies replied saying he would read it. Lardner has six months off to ~~write about~~ make a book of the article that won him the Pulitzer.

Apparently there was some kind of notice about Case Open because a history teacher told me it is on his bookstore computer. I could enclose any notice with each letter and maybe it would not be a bad idea for me to know what is to happen. So I can help.

I've sent copies of Selections to those who teach an assassination course.

"Millions of pages" may be an exaggeration. I suggest many hundreds of thousnads, of which ~~maxxxxx~~ about a third of a million are previously-withheld offical records obtained in those FOIA lawsuits. I think, too, that the age as used in the earlier version may attract reader interest and that of reviewers. It is not everyday, especially with your comment about the writing.

Would you like me to ask someone I know who spends much time on radio talk shows, that can be done by phone, which might be interested so you can send them copies of Case Open?

Best
Harold

Publisher's Preface

No one knows more about the assassination of President Kennedy than Harold Weisberg, so said the FBI in open court.

Harold Weisberg -- a former OSS and Senate Investigator -- wrote and published *Whitewash* in 1965, the first book criticizing the conclusions of the Warren Commission. Since then, he has written and published many books on President Kennedy's assassination. He has also written on the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Case Open is a book Mr. Weisberg felt compelled to write. He felt a need and determination to set the record straight.

It is written with a blinding fury and brilliant analytical skills. Despite being eighty years old and infirm, Mr. Weisberg has written with the vigor of youth.

In proving that Gerald Posner, in *Case Closed,* has proven nothing, Mr. Weisberg has proven that President Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy.

In analyzing *Case Closed,* he demonstrates that Gerald Posner has
- Distorted evidence
- Suppressed evidence
- Omitted evidence
- Developed no new evidence
- Omitted sources
- Misappropriated the research of others
- Misled the reader into believing that he had sponsored new scientific computer enhancements.

At best, Gerald Posner has provided a case for the prosecution. Now it is time to present the case for Case Open.

Let the American public decide who has presented the stronger case: Gerald Posner or Harold Weisberg.

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Case Open is a book Harold Weisberg felt compelled to write. He felt the need and determination to set the record straight. Written with a blinding passion and brilliant analytical skills, it raises serious questions about the methods and integrity of Gerald Posner's Case Closed. He examines the process in which a book so dishonest can be published with such fanfare and with such little regard for verifying the evidence it presents. Case Open is a simple yet complete rebuttal of Posner's book.

Weisberg demonstrates that Posner's main thesis is misappropriated research of a highly questionable nature. Posner has suppressed, distorted and omitted evidence and misled the reader into believing that he has developed new evidence and promoted the concept that he had sponsored the scientific computer enhancements.

Weisberg, a former OSS and United States Senate investigator, wrote and published Whitewash in 1965. It was the first book to seriously question the conclusions of the Warren Commission. Today it is still regarded as one of the seminal works of research on the assassination. He has since written and published many books and articles on the assassination.

In the 60's and 70's Weisberg fought many landmark freedom of information battles that effectively established today's basic Freedom of Information Act. His personal files on the Kennedy assassination run into millions of pages. Gerald Posner used these files in conducting three days of research at Mr. Weisberg's home.

In the process of proving that Posner has in actuality proven nothing, Mr. Weisberg exposes another sordid chapter in our nation's greatest enigma, the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Case Open.